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Lieutenant General Daniel O. Graham, USA
Deputy to the DCI for the
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Dear General Graham:

Thank you for your letter of 11 June 1974 on the subject of the threat from Soviet research and technology. I share your interest and concern with this difficult problem. It is indeed an area that warrants careful consideration by the entire Intelligence Community. At the earliest opportunity, the DIA will bring this matter before the Scientific Intelligence Committee to discuss the establishment of a community-wide effort on key Soviet R&D threats.

We are presently reviewing our intelligence production efforts in order to place more emphasis on the threat aspects of Soviet developments. We have published a number of studies that address various aspects of Soviet science and technology, including the Long Range Scientific and Technical Intelligence Assessment (LRTIA) - USSR. In general, however, these products do not stress the threat posed by the Soviet R&D accomplishments.

In December of 1971, we published a comprehensive report, "Soviet Research and Development Resources, Achievements and Trends, 1960-1975," which did address the impact of Soviet R&D in terms of technical achievements, their military significance, and subsequent weapon system developments. In addition, for each of the last three years, we have produced a working paper describing specific Soviet developments and achievements identified during that year, and their military significance - real and potential. This report will also be produced for calendar year 1974, formally published, and given a wider distribution than in previous years.

At the present time, a tri-Service DIA study is being prepared for FY 75 publication. It will provide an overview of the Soviet military R&D product base, its key technical accomplishments, and the significance of these factors in terms of

weapons developments - real and potential for the ground, naval and air forces. It will be published in a highly graphic format and references will be provided for more indepth data in each of the subject areas covered by the report.

I wish to thank you for your interest, concern and suggestions. We will keep you informed of the progress and developments in this area. I have asked [redacted] USN (OX5-0325) of the Directorate for Scientific and Technical Intelligence to act in behalf of the DIA for this matter. 25X1

Sincerely,



V. P. de POIX
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Director

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Dear Admiral de Poix:

On Tuesday of last week I was briefed by a gentleman from the Air Force's Foreign Technology Division on the threat from Soviet Research and Technology. I found the briefing to be very interesting and thought-provoking. I was somewhat surprised to find out that it was not available as a published memorandum, study, or whatever. I understand that DIA published a study, or memorandum, along the same topic lines sometime back.

I believe that the subject is sufficiently important to warrant consideration throughout the Intelligence Community. I therefore suggest that DIA pull all the relevant issuances together and present the results to the Scientific Intelligence Committee with a view to publishing a USIB paper on key R&D threats from the USSR. [redacted] of your DT Office can fill you in on this matter.

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Respectfully,

(Signed)
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